



Moray Advanced Motorists & Motorcyclists (MAMM) Committee Meeting

Minutes

29 September 2021 at 7.00pm

Activities Room, Elgin Library

Present:- Michael Pumfrey (Chair), Myra Orr (Sec), Billy Johnson (Bike), Liz Devonport.
(Media) Alan Innes (Committee Member)

1 Apologies - Bob Drysdale (Treas and Mem), Vron Young BEM (Car)

2 Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting 22 June 2021

Approved – Billy Johnson

Seconded – Alan Innes

3 Matters Arising (from last meeting – see Appendix 1 attached)

4 Chairman's update

- Thanks to everyone for their continuing support for MAMM
Vron and Billy have worked very hard to attract associates, and keep observations and tests a focus. Bob has been instrumental in trying to keep member numbers up.
- Covid guidance is currently on the dashboard area of MAMM/IAM. Observers are welcome to engage in observing associates if they wish to at this time. It is an individual decision and no-one should feel pressurised into observing activities..

Action: Future agendas to have Chairman's update before the item, proposed date of next meeting

5 Treasurer's Report – Appendix 2

Funds remain healthy.

6 Member's Report – Appendix 2

When membership renewal is due, members who have not renewed can be contacted up to three times before their MAMM membership is cancelled.

7 Car Section Report – Appendix 2

Michael presented Vron's report.

When observers are in associates' cars, it is important that Covid mitigations are followed at all times. In particular, wearing face coverings, associate cars being hygienically clean, use of gel, good ventilation. Vron has put the guidance on the MAMM website. Currently one observer with one associate.

8 Motorcycle Section Report- Appendix 2

Two associates are now awaiting their test. The Biking group is having a meeting with Ian Jones tomorrow. Mentoring of observers is continuing. The bike section trains many associates and the challenge is to keep them as MAMM members. Many bikers achieve their advanced rider qualification to give them access to the Blood Bikes.

9 Advertisement/Media

MAMM was advertised in Spotlight a couple of months ago. However, an expensive way of advertising and currently poor return.

For the start of summer next year, we need to think of various ways to advertise for associates and promote MAMM. For example, newspaper articles, facebook, radio, posters, local magazines.

10 Merchandise and IAM training

Merchandise for promoting MAMM is an ongoing project. Not all observers want a polo shirt. Perhaps we could offer £20 towards the item of clothing that individual observers choose for themselves. Discussion around Beanies with the group logo.

Action: Michael investigate the cost of beanies and embroidered group logo for Christmas

Action: Car and Bike sections to let Myra know if HW codes and IAM training materials are needed.

11 Proposed date of next Committee meeting

We have had three MAMM Committee meetings so far this year and the next meeting will be the AGM in February.

Date to be confirmed in the New Year.

12 AOCB

Currently everyone on the Committee is willing to continue in their role next year.

While the current Committee members have been identified to IAM, sometimes emails are sent to previous committee members.

Action: Myra will look on DARTS to see if previous Committee members are still listed. Check DARTS also to see who is the youngest observer in Moray- linked to a conversation about the most recent person to have passed their driving test in MAMM.

Meeting closed at 8:50

Appendix 1 – actions from Committee Meeting 22 June 2021

Action	Who	Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contact the observers about the chief observer role. Also ask Bob (from Matters Arising discussion) if he would e-mail associates to ask if they would like to become an observer.	Michael	Ongoing – been very quiet but has improved recently. Number of observers for bikes has gone up. Car side is something to continue to look at for the coming year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contact Spotlight about advertisingAsk for a volunteer from the motorcycle side to work on recruiting associate drivers and	Michael	Advertisement appeared in Spotlight. Bikes use a different means for advertising e.g

motorcyclists for MAMM.		facebook
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the library about booking the classroom for the next course Order Highway codes and log books if needed 	Myra	September course was cancelled due to continuing Covid situation Six HW Code books ordered and Alan has a few IAM log books. Hold fire on ordering any more until we find out when an updated publication, with the amendments since 2015, will be for sale.

Appendix 2 Committee reports September 2021

MAMM Membership Report September 2021

As of 25 September it is disappointing to note that no fewer than 5 of our members have not renewed their national membership in recent months.

This brings me to my next point. My records and national records are not aligned because it appears that some people I believe to be associates seem to have passed an assessment. I have raised this issue before but it appears that my request to be advised of test passes is falling on deaf ears. 5 associates appear to have become full members without me being advised of their success.

I continue to have limited success when inviting members to renew their MAMM membership. [REDACTED] was due to renew in April; I only wrote to him in June and I have received no response at all. Thanks to the database I now have an email address for [REDACTED] who was also an April renewal. The June renewals were much more successful; the only July renewal would be [REDACTED] but as he is no longer a national member I shall not be contacting him. There should be 3 people to contact re August renewals but two of them have allowed their national membership to expire, so they are also on hold at this time. The third was [REDACTED] whom I emailed on 26th and by the evening he had transferred the funds.

September is the big month with a possible 12 members to contact. Annoyingly some do not have an email address so they will have to wait until I am back in the UK. However, all the others were invited to re-join on 26th September.

MAMM Financial Report September 2021

I am pleased to report that our bank account, as of Sunday 26th September 2021, stands at £2326.39. There is one invoice due to be paid by late October for £14.99. I shall not hold my breath with regard to by how much the balance will increase with membership renewals in the coming 4 weeks.

Motorcycle Section Report 28/09/21

We are currently training 4 associates, 1 of these is awaiting test.

There has been 5 passes this year 2 were associates from last year.

In addition to the observing that has been going on we are also training 3 observers, we are hopeful that they will be signed off by the end of the year.

So far this year we are on a par associate wise, there was a great deal of enquiries mid-season but not a great deal of uptake but this isn't out of the normal.

There have not been any issues to speak about this year so far.

As always I would like to thank all the observers for the work that they carry out.

Billy

Motorcycle coordinator.

Car coordinator's Report September 2021

Due to COVID19 we are down to just 4 active observers at present. With the rise in COVID levels our other observers are not comfortable returning to observing presently. Some of them have vulnerable partners or are themselves vulnerable. We therefore had to make the decision to postpone the classroom course until Spring 2022.

We still have 4 current associates to finish training and sit their test.

We have potentially 8 associates waiting to join IAM for Spring course/and or when we have observers available.

I am hoping the situation will improve in the spring.

Vron Young

Car coordinator